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## TRENTON, NEW JERSEY MAN SENTENCED TO 188 MONTHS IN PRISON FOR HEROIN DISTRIBUTION CONSPIRACY IN WHICH HE HELD LEADERSHIP ROLE

TRENTON, N.J. – A leader of a heroin distribution organization operating in Trenton, N.J., was sentenced today to 188 months in federal prison, U.S. Attorney Paul J. Fishman announced.

Eric Gore, 28, of Trenton, pleaded guilty on April 20, 2010, before U.S. District Judge Mary L. Cooper to a count of conspiracy to distribute and possession with the intent to distribute more than one kilogram of heroin. Judge Cooper also imposed the sentence today in Trenton federal court.

According to documents filed in this case and statements made in court:

Gore admitted that between October 2008 and April 2009, he was involved in a conspiracy to distribute heroin in Trenton. Gore was a leader of the organization, directing others to store and distribute the drug and to collect the proceeds of sales.

In March of 2009, approximately 3,800 glassine packets of heroin stamped "Make it Rain" and "Lucky Charms" were seized at a Trenton location where Gore also admitted bricks of heroin were stored by the organization. The organization replenished their supply of 300 to 500 bricks of heroin at least once per week.

Gore's co-conspirators Ronnie Brown, 31, and Norman Roberts, 31, both of Trenton, previously pleaded guilty to the same charge and were sentenced by Judge Cooper. Brown was sentenced to 110 months in federal prison and five years of supervised release; Roberts was sentenced of 51 months in federal prison and three years of supervised release. Tyruice Boyer, 21, also of Trenton, pleaded guilty to the charges on Sept. 9, 2010, and awaits sentencing.

In addition to the prison term, Judge Cooper sentenced Gore to five years of supervised release.

U.S. Attorney Fishman credited special agents of the Drug Enforcement Administration's Camden Resident Office, under the direction of Acting Special Agent in Charge John G. McCabe Jr., and the Trenton Police Department, under the direction of Acting Director Joseph Juniak, for the investigation of this case.

The government is represented by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jennifer Davenport of the U.S.

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